Contract for the supply of security number plates

1812. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contract for the supply of security number plates for the vehicles in 28 States and Union Territories is being given to a person alleged to be aligned with criminals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the ground on which he has been selected for this contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) It is the responsibility of States/UTs to select vendor/vendors for supply of High Security Number Plates in their respective States/UTs. Central Government has no role to play in the selection of vendor by a State for supply of High Security Number Plates.

Scrap lying at Mumbai Port

1813. SHRI A. K. PATEL:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BAÇHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would inform the reasons for scrap lying at Mumbai Port;

(b) if so, for how many months containers of the exporters are withheld;

(c) whether Government are aware of this fact; and

(d) whether Government would find out a plan to divert the traffic in view of the work going on at Mundra Port?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) As on 7.3.2005, 202 import containers

containing scraps were lying at Mumbai Port. Out of the above containers, the concerned consignees have not approached the Customs for clearance in case of 154 containers. For the balance 48 containers, the formalities for examination and delivery are in progress.

(b) and (c) Total 202 containers containing scrap are reportedly lying in Mumbai Port, break-up is as under:

More than 5 months	19
More than 4 months but less than 5 months	30
More than 3 months but less than 4 months	5
More than 2 months but less than 3 months	33
More than 1 month but less than 2 months	26
Less than 1 month	89
TOTAL:	202

(d) It is for the consignee/Shipping line to choose the port for delivery of cargo. It will not be desirable for the Government to make the user go to a particular port.

Bribe paid by bus and truck operators

†1814. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that truck and bus operators all over the country give crores of rupees every year as bribe to police, traffic police and other Government officials;

(b) the amount collected from these operators as taxes and duties by Government during this period;

(c) the loss of revenue incurred by Government every year in such cases due to laxed implementation; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The matter comes under the purview of the State Governments. However, Government is aware that allegation of bribery in road transport have been levelled by

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.